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FROM MR. JOHN KIRKPATRICK.

ALEXANDRIA 3d. Sepr. 1758

DEAR SIR

A few days ago I had the pleasure of Writing you — and now avail myself of an opportunity to Winchr. to inform You of my intentions of taking the Benefit of the Convoy which will sail the 20th. instant — and not having the opportunity afterwards of addressing You perhaps, — Let me Offer my Warmest Wishes and sincerest Complements of Respect which are the just tribute of Gratitude — for the many instances of Your Friendship and Affection — and beg a Continuance of that Honour your Agreeable Correspondence has and will always confer upon Me — A letter will find its way to me — at Kirkcudbright — the County Town of Galloway in the South of Scotland — from whence Doctor Craik and I derives the *honour* of our Births — should Monsr. François, forbear his polite importunities of Visiting the Kingdom of his Grand Monarque in my passage — I propose to make a short stay — and return to share the Pleasures of a Possession upon the Ohio — which Your Successfull Attempts I hope will bring About this Fall — At all Events, may Providence in a Peculiar manner protect You in every point of Your Life and Crown Your Troubles with Content & Honour — I need not assure You how much pleasure I shall derive from Your Correspondence — as News from a far Country is a proverbial proof — how much more, from a person of Your Rank & Distinction — whom Merit and Fame has justly made a worthy Object of Esteem — At Convenience Condescend, Dear Sir, to please me with

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accounts of Your Health &c. — intermixt with remarks on the Publick Affairs — to which you have been so warmly & Justly attached to your lasting Honour — Perhaps a letter from You may reach me e're I leave the Country — in the Mean while Believe me with Consumate Affection & Real Regard

Dear Colonell Your Very Obt. and Much Obliged H. Servt. JNO. KIRKPATRICK

Please inform Doctr. Craik of my Sailing — in case he should not have reced. my Letters — because he has Commands homewards —